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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1994 FROM THE COORDINATOR OF THE GROUP OF REGISTERED PIONEER INVESTORS ON BEHALF OF FRANCE, JAPAN AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION

By a letter dated 25 March 1993 (LOS/PCN/128), France, Japan and the Russian Federation requested that you apply paragraph 40 (a) of document LOS/PCN/L.87, adopted on 31 August 1990 by the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. In that letter, the three above-mentioned States explained that they were requesting, in accordance with the said paragraph, which was the result of a decision by the Preparatory Commission, that the General Committee of the Commission, mindful of the principle of equality of treatment, should carry out, during the first part of its eleventh session, necessary adjustments concerning the treatment of the registered pioneer investors of France, Japan and the Russian Federation.

By a letter dated 1 October 1993 (LOS/PCN/131), France, Japan and the Russian Federation reiterated in greater detail their request of 25 March 1993 with a view to an appropriate decision by the General Committee of the Preparatory Commission during the first part of its twelfth session. In the course of its discussion of the matter, which took place in Kingston on 8 and 9 February, as scheduled, certain members of the General Committee indicated that it would be preferable to await the results of the consultations being carried out by the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to universal participation in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

On 3 June 1994, those consultations resulted in the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, which will be adopted and signed at the end of July 1994 and will be provisionally applied as from the entry into force of the Convention, 16 November 1994. Certain provisions of the Agreement, including

those mentioned in section 1, paragraph 6 (a) and section 8, paragraphs 1 (d) and 2 of its Annex, affect the situation of the pioneer investors of France, Japan and the Russian Federation.

France, Japan and the Russian Federation hereby reiterate their request that the General Committee of the Preparatory Commission include in its agenda, as a matter of priority, an item concerning the carrying out, in accordance with paragraph 40 (a) of document LOS/PCN/L.87, of necessary adjustments concerning the provisions of the annex to the said document, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

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registered pioneer investors